

PERCENT OF LIVE BIRTHS WITH LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

Objective

By 1990, low birthweight babies (under 2,500 grams) should constitute no more than five percent of all live births.

Findings

The North Carolina rate has consistently exceeded the nation's and is projected to fall only slightly to 7.8 in 1990. Nationally, it also appears unlikely that this objective will be met (3).

Data Sources

North Carolina: State Center for Health Statistics
United States: National Center for Health Statistics